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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2007.

The Examiner stated in the Office Action that the above application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I, including claims 1-26 and 51, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a medicament in a pharmaceutically acceptable effervescent formulation, comprising a gas-dispersing component including at least one first gas contained within an aqueous dissolvable solid matrix, and a gas-generating effervescent component including at least two components reactive to generate a second gas upon aqueous contact; Group II, including claims 27-36 and 47-50, drawn to a method of administering and dispersing an effervescent medicament, orally administering the composition in an aqueous vehicle; Group III, including claims 37-40, drawn to a method of enhancing patient compliance with a pharmaceutical therapy, comprising providing to a patient an ingestible medicament formulated with a first and second effervescent component and allowing the patient to select the aqueous vehicle for dispersion of the medicament in the aqueous vehicle; and Group IV, including claims 41-46, drawn to a method of formulating an effervescent pharmaceutical composition comprising formulating a biconcave multilayered ingestible solid dosage formulation comprising (a) a medicament, (b) a dispersing gas, and (c) a substantially anhydrous effervescent

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penetration enhancing gas precursor, wherein at least one of (b) or (c) comprises an outer layer for initial aqueous contact.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II without traverse. Group II includes claims 27-36 and 47-50.

Conclusion

No fee is believed due as a result of this communication. However, any deficiencies or credits necessary to complete this communication should be applied to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions or remaining issues.

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